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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
RECORDING MEDIUM WITH RECORDED  
IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM AND  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

Examiner: A. P. Bhatnagar

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 9, 2006 for which a response is due on August 9, 2006. A petition for an extension of time in the amount of two months is attached, thereby extending the response date to October 9, 2006 (Federal holiday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.